

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

IN RE: CATHODE RAY TUBE (CRT)
ANTITRUST LITIGATION

) MDL No. 1917

) Case No. C-07-5944-SC

This Order Relates To:

) ORDER RE: THOMSON LETTERS
) OF REQUEST

Sharp Electronics Corp. v. Hitachi
Ltd., No. C-13-1173-SC;

Electrograph Systems, Inc. v.
Technicolor SA, No. 13-cv-05724;

Siegel v. Technicolor SA, No. 13-
cv-05261;

Best Buy Co., Inc. v. Technicolor
SA, No. 13-cv-05264;

Target Corp. v. Technicolor SA,
No. 13-cv-05686

Interbond Corporation of America
v. Technicolor
SA, No. 13-cv-05727;

Office Depot, Inc. v. Technicolor
SA, No. 13-cv-05726;

Costco Wholesale Corporation v.
Technicolor SA, No. 13-cv-05723;

P.C. Richard & Son Long Island
Corporation v. Technicolor SA, No.
13-cv-05725;

Schultze Agency Services, LLC v.
Technicolor SA, Ltd., No. 13-cv-
05668;

Sears, Roebuck and Co. and Kmart
Corp. v. Technicolor SA, No. 3:13-
cv-05262;

Tech Data Corp., et al. v.
Hitachi, Ltd., et al., No. 13-cv-
00157;

Crago, et al. v. Mitsubishi Elec.
Corp., et al., No. 14-cv-02058.

1 Now before the Court are two motions seeking the issuance of
2 letters of request for international judicial assistance in
3 obtaining documents and witnesses in France from Defendant Thomson
4 SA. Specifically, Direct Action Plaintiffs ("DAPs") seek the
5 issuance of letters of request for international judicial
6 assistance in the production of documents, ECF No. 2716 ("Docs.
7 Mot."), and depositions in France, ECF No. 2776 ("Depos. Mot."),
8 pursuant to the procedures of the Hague Convention.¹ Previously,
9 the Court issued an order resolving most of the pending discovery
10 issues related to Thomson SA, ECF No. 2945 ("Thomson Discovery
11 Order"), but ordered Sharp, the chief proponent of these motions,
12 to file a statement explaining whether, in light of that order, the
13 motions for the issuance of letters of request are moot. Sharp has
14 since filed that statement, ECF No. 2949 ("Sharp Statement"), and
15 explained that while the motion for the issuance of letters of
16 request seeking documents is moot, its motion for letters of
17 request seeking depositions is still ripe. Id. at 2. In that
18 statement, Sharp explains that Thomson has withdrawn its opposition
19 to the remaining motion seeking issuance of letters of request in
20 depositions. Id. at 3; ECF No. 2949-2 ("Benson Decl.") at ¶ 4.

21 ///

22 ///

23 ///

24 ///

25 ///

26
27 ¹ Hague Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad in Civil or
28 Commercial Matters, Mar. 18, 1970, 23 U.S.T. 2555, T.I.A.S. No.
7444 (codified at 28 U.S.C. § 1780) ("Hague Convention").

Accordingly, the Court orders as follows:

- Sharp's motion seeking the issuance of letters of request for international judicial assistance in the production of documents is DENIED as moot.
- Sharp's motion seeking the issuance of letters of request for international judicial assistance in depositions is GRANTED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 3, 2014



UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE